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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, Rev. Robert Kem, Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, Omaha, NE. He is a guest of Senator CHUCK HAGEL. Pleased to have you with us.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Rev. Robert Kem, Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, Omaha, NE, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this Nation to Your merciful care, that being guided by Your providence, we may recognize You as our sovereign God and dwell in Your purpose and peace.

Grant to the President of the United States and especially the Members of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives and to all in authority the wisdom and strength to know You and to do Your will.

Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness. Make them ever mindful of their utmost calling to serve You as the chosen representatives of the people of this land. And in all that they do, may they serve You faithfully in this generation to the honor of Your holy name. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader is recognized.

Mr. DEWINE. I yield at this point to my colleague from Nebraska.

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I thank my friend and distinguished colleague from Ohio, Senator DEWINE.

THE SENATE'S GUEST CHAPLAIN

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I want to very briefly reflect for a moment on the prayer just offered by the Rev. Robert Kem of Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church in Omaha. It happens, Mr. President, that is the church where my family and I often are seen—more over the few years previous to the last 2 years, because of our recent change to our residency here in Washington.

Father Kem's guidance, and what that has meant to us as he continues to give spiritual guidance to so many, has been unique. He is known far outside the boundaries of just the Midwest. I think that is quite evident by the elegance of his prayer and his eloquent statement, reflecting on who we are as a Nation: All creatures, children of God. For Father Kem coming before this body today to offer guidance and prayer and hope, I am grateful. We are all better for Father Kem. To all the parishioners, those a part of the Saint Andrew's Episcopal family in Omaha, we know you are proud, as are we in the U.S. Senate.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The distinguished Senator from Ohio is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I have several announcements on behalf of the majority leader.

This morning there will be a period of morning business until 10 a.m. Following morning business, the Senate may consider any cleared executive nominations or legislation regarding judicial antinepotism. At 11:30 a.m., under a previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of the agricultural appropriations conference report, with a vote occurring on adoption of that report at 3:15 p.m. Following that

vote, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 442, the Internet tax bill. Amendments are expected to be offered and debated in relation to Internet tax and, therefore, Members should expect rollcall votes into the evening during today's session.

Members are reminded that at 10 a.m. on Wednesday the Senate will vote on adoption of the motion to proceed to H.R. 10, the financial services reform bill, to be followed by a cloture vote on the Internet tax bill. By unanimous consent, Senators have until the cloture vote occurs to file second-degree amendments to the Internet bill.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HAGEL). Under the previous order, there will now be a period for morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 10 a.m. with Senators permitted to speak therein for not to exceed 5 minutes, provided the Senator from Ohio, Mr. DEWINE, shall be entitled to speak for 10 minutes.

The Senator from Ohio.

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to proceed for the next 15 minutes in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

VIOLENCE IN KOSOVO

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, in a 1985 speech attended by President Ronald Reagan, the acclaimed writer and lecturer Elie Wiesel, a witness and survivor of the Holocaust, recounted the lessons he learned over the years since this dark chapter in our history. He said:

I learned that in extreme situations when human lives and dignity are at stake, neutrality is a sin. It helps the killers, not the

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